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OF THE

*Zion Baptist Association,*

HELD WITH

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,

MONTGOMERY CO., MISS.

*Commencing September 30th, 1876.*

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THE ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Forty-First Annual Session with the church at Pleasant Grove, Montgomery county, Miss., on the 30th of September, A. D. 1876, pursuant to adjournment of last year.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Elder M. C. Allen. Text: first clause of 2d verse of the 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy—"Preach the word."

After an intermission and refreshments, the delegates assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder A. B. Hicks. A hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Elder T. H. Wilson.

On motion Elders A. D. Walker, N. Baker and Bro J. T. Moore, were appointed reading clerks, who read the annual letters from the Churches.

Names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

*Antioch*—W. A. Grimsley.

*Bethany*—Elders J. T. Fox, T. H. Wilson, M. C. Allen.

*Bethel*—S. Denton, J. Denton, Z. M. Cook.

*Bluff Springs*—T. J. Swindle.

*Concord*—G. W. Swindle, R. G. Haney.

*County Line*—W. M. High.

*Cross Roads*—A. H. Arnold.

*Double Springs*—L. J. Taylor, J. F. Carson.

*Fellowship*—A. B. Hicks, G. W. Berryhill, A. Moore.

*Greensboro*—E. F. H. Johnson.

*Harmony*—T. Rose, E. Britt.

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*Hebron*—A. J. Walker, G. McQuary.  
*Midway*—Joseph Moore.  
*Milligan Springs*—Letter.  
*Mulberry*—H. H. Hightower, R. D. Oglesby.  
*Mount Pleasant*—Letter.  
*Mount Tabor*—N. Baker, Wm. Hays.  
*Mount Vernon*—E. G. Sheppard.  
*Philadelphia*—J. T. Moore, S. E. Parker.  
*Providence*—G. S. Patterson, J. A. Cox, W. Smith.  
*Pleasant Grove, (Montgomery)*—R. E. Hurt, L. L. Hammond,  
 J. P. Thompson.  
*Pleasant Grove, (Chickasaw)*—S. M. Cole, S. H. Scott.  
*Pleasant Hill*—B. F. Dill, W. H. Morland.  
*Shiloh*—D. M. Wray.  
*Spring Creek*—T. H. Middleton, J. T. Denny.  
*Spring Hill*—W. J. Ward, Eli Hardin.  
*Spring Valley*—W. M. Curry, J. A. Baker.  
*Union*—Letter.  
*Wake Forest*—A. Foraster, W. Martin.

The Association then ballotted for officers, with the following result:

ELDER J. T. FOX, ..... Moderator.  
 J. P. THOMPSON, ..... Clerk.  
 J. T. MOORE, ..... Treasurer.

The Moderator took his seat and proceeded to appoint the following Committees:

*On Preaching*—T. Rose, A. Moore, W. M. Curry, with the Deacons of Pleasant Grove Church.

*On Foreign Missions*—A. B. Hicks, T. H. Wilson.

*On Domestic Missions*—M. C. Allen, Z. M. Cook.

*On Periodicals*—J. P. Thompson, S. M. Cole, J. S. Ryan.

*On Sabbath Schools*—A. J. Walker, W. M. Curry.

*On Ministerial Education*—T. H. Wilson, D. M. Wray.

*On Finance*—S. E. Parker, R. E. Hurt, J. A. Cox.

*On Nominations*—J. T. Moore, S. Denton.

*On Arrangements*—N. Baker, J. F. Carson, H. H. Hightower.

*On Re-Districting the Association*—W. M. Curry, A. Moore, E. Britt.

Correspondence being called for, Bro. A. B. Robinson reported from the Yazoo Association, and Bro. J. S. Ryan, from the Calhoun Association; who were received and welcomed.

### Returned Correspondence.

*Calhoun Association*—T. H. Wilson, A. J. Walker, N. Baker.  
*Louisville*—E. F. H. Johnson, J. F. Carson, W. D. Seigler.  
*Columbus*—W. M. Curry, J. A. Cox, T. H. Middleton.  
*Yalobusha*—T. H. Wilson, A. B. Moore, J. T. Moore, D. C. Lee, F. Martin.

*Kosciusko*—R. E. Hurt, T. N. Lusk, J. Moore, L. L. Hammond.

*Yazoo*—Dr. W. A. Hurt, R. P. Bond, A. Burns, M. M. Darden.  
*Aberdeen*—J. A. Cox, W. Martin, A. Woodward, G. W. Karon.  
*State Convention*—A. B. Hicks, S. M. Cole, T. H. Middleton, N. Baker, J. A. Cox, T. H. Wilson, J. F. Carson, A. Moore, W. M. Curry, J. T. Fox, J. P. Thompson, A. J. Walker, M. C. Allen, E. F. H. Johnson.

Committee on Preaching made the following report:

S. M. Cole to preach to-night; J. T. Fox, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, and A. B. Hicks, Sabbath night.

### SABBATH EXERCISES.

A large congregation assembled early in the morning. Prayer meeting conducted by T. H. Wilson. Good attention given to the earnest preaching of God's word.

At the close of the 11 o'clock, sermon, Bro. M. T. Martin, agent for Mississippi College, (who had arrived early in the morning,) made a very earnest appeal in behalf of the endowment of said College, and took several notes.

### MONDAY MORNING.

The Association re-assembled; prayer offered by Bro. M. T. Martin. Bro. Martin, upon presentation was received and welcomed into the body officially.

Committee on Arrangements reported order for business, which was adopted.

## Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions only desire to submit a few facts. The first fact is, that the disciples of Jesus were commanded to preach the gospel to every creature. The next fact is, that much has been done in the last eight years towards evangelizing the world. It is abundantly evident that modern missions are not a failure. Eighty years ago Carey felt called to be a missionary; now there are 42 societies with 1800 missionaries, engaged in giving the gospel to the heathen. Sixty years ago the American Board was not in existence; now it has about 200 churches, and has received in all, about seventy thousand converts. Sixty years ago nothing had been done in the South Seas; now there are eight hundred native preachers and two hundred thousand communicants; there are one hundred preachers in Madagascar; six hundred missionaries in India, and twenty thousand communicants.

The Queen of Madagascar, instead of prescribing christian subjects, is crowned beneath a canopy inscribed, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will to men."

In money matters the change is equally striking; in 1788 there was nothing given for evangelizing the world; in 1808, one hundred thousand dollars; in 1828, one million; in 1842, two millions; in 1868, five millions of dollars. The apportioned part of the expenses of the State of Mississippi, up to May the 1st, 1875, was \$3,500, and for the payment of this amount, up to June 19th, we have contributed \$1,206 82, and of this sum, we, as an Association, forty cents!

Therefore, we as your committee, recommend that each church appoint a committee, two efficient members, to collect mission funds in the monied season of the year, and to place the same in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, to be appropriated to mission purposes, and make a report of the same to our next Association. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. H. WILSON,

A. P. HICKS,

Committee.

Upon adopting the above report the Association contributed in cash to the cause of foreign missions, \$14 05.

## Report of Committee on Domestic Missions.

We, your Committee on Domestic Missions make the following report: Much has been said and little done on this important subject.

We recommend that one or more brethren of each church pledge themselves to make an effort to raise, during this year, the



amounts annexed to each church in statistical table, and forward the same to Elder T. J. Walne, at Vicksburg, Miss.

Respectfully submitted.

M. C. ALLEN,

Z. M. COOK,

Committee.

On the adoption of the above report, at the suggestion of Bro. M. T. Martin, the Association was led in prayer, by the Moderator, in behalf of Domestic Missions.

#### Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, that it is a lamentable fact that the churches are taking but little interest in this important matter. Not a single church reports a prosperous Sabbath School. Brethren, this is not as it should be. No one will deny that a well conducted Sabbath School is a powerful auxiliary in the building up of the Cause, and the establishment of the Faith. Let us gather the children together on the Sabbath and impart to them the great truths of the bible, in a plain yet systematic manner. Remember the words of the wise man,—“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Oh, Brethren, let none of our children in years to come, have just cause of complaint against us in regard to this matter. Let us see to it, that our children meet in a Sabbath School capacity, if not all the year, at least during the pleasant months, and by a united determination and persistent effort secure for them the blessings which are sure to follow. Brethren, let us pray that at our next annual meeting every church will be able to report a Sabbath School in a prosperous condition.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. WALKER, Chm'n.

#### Report of Committee on Re-Districting the Association.

Your Committee have districted the Association by drawing a line North and South, forming two Districts, known as Western and Eastern.

##### Western District.

Pleasant Grove, (Montgomery,) Mulberry, Shiloh, Concord, Milligan Springs, Mt. Vernon, Harmony, Pleasant Grove, (Grenada,) Philadelphia, Bethany, Bethel, Pleasant Hill, Union, Greensboro, Mt. Zion, Bluff Springs.

##### Eastern District.

Mentpelier, Mount Pleasant, Antioch, Wakeforest, County Line,

Spring Valley, Spring Creek, Double Springs, Cross Roads, Mount Pleasant, Pleasant Grove, (Chickasaw,) Midway, Hebron, Mount Tabor, Providence, Fellowship, Spring Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. CURRY, Chm'n.

#### Report of Committee on Periodicals.

Your Committee on Periodicals submit the following report:

We think our people do not sufficiently appreciate the importance of sound religious literature. We should read and inform ourselves with reference to what we are, and what we are doing, as a denomination. The importance of sound religious literature we regard as second only to the word of God.

We can heartily recommend the publications of the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

There are many good religious newspapers in the land, among which we might be allowed to call special attention to the "Baptist," as a sound exponent of Baptist Faith. While we endorse the teachings of the Baptist, in the main, we would call attention of our churches and brethren to the necessity of a State organ, and recommend them to give their hearty support to the State paper, when it makes its appearance. We recognize the necessity of a State organ, and would not throw obstacles in the way, but give it our sympathy, and pledge it our support, when published.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. THOMPSON, Chm'n.

Adjourned for refreshments.

#### EVENING SESSION.

##### Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would respectfully submit the following report:

In view of the great responsibility which rests upon Baptists who stand single handed and alone in the defense of truth; and in view of the fact that among the advocates of error, stand men of high attainments and ripe scholarship, who pervert the meaning of God's sacred truth, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men, we feel that we should awake from our lethargy, and redouble our energies in the cause of Ministerial Education. We hold the truth in its purity. We need men of cultivated intellects to handle the truth, and meet the errors of the day. We have worthy young ministers in our bounds, who are unable to educate themselves without working part of the time. We need them, and we

need them now. They are servants of the church, and we feel that the Church should aid in preparing them to be eminently useful. Let each brother in this Association put the question to himself: How much would I rather give to aid these young brethren, than to take up the cross myself? If this question is answered conscientiously we will have money enough to educate all our young ministers. We recommend Mississippi College, at Clinton, as the place where our young men, and especially young ministers, should be educated.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. WILSON, Chm'n.

Upon the adoption of the above report the following amounts were promised for the education of Elder A. B. Hicks, which amounts are to be forwarded during the month of January next, to J. T. Moore, Treasurer:

E. F. H. Johnson, \$10; T. H. Wilson, \$10; G. S. Patterson, \$10; H. G. Hammond, \$5; H. H. Hightower, \$5; J. T. Moore, \$5; J. J. Lee, \$5; L. L. Hammond, \$5; W. M. High, \$5; A. B. Robinson, \$5; T. Rose, \$5; S. H. Scott, \$5; S. Denton, \$5; G. W. Berryhill, \$5; J. A. Cox, \$5; M. C. Allen, \$2 50; W. T. Ward, \$2 50; R. D. Oglesby, \$2 50; T. H. Middleton, \$2 50.

#### Report of Executive Committee.

Your Committee submit the following report:

Received from Bethany Church.....	\$5 00
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Total.....	\$10 00
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The above amount was applied to the education of Bro. A. B. Hicks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MOORE,  
G. W. BERRYHILL,  
A. MOORE,  
T. H. WILSON,

Committee.

#### Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend Elder A. B. Hicks to preach the Introductory Sermon, at the next meeting of this Association; J. P. Thompson Alternate. Also, J. P. Thompson to represent our Associational interest at Mississippi College.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MOORE, Chm'n.



Report from Western District.

The Western District meets at Bethany Church, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1877. Elder Wm. Hicks to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder A. J. Walker, Alternate.

Elder J. M. Dalton to write on 12th chapter and 5th verse, of Revelations.

Elder A. B. Hicks on 17th chapter and 3d verse, of John.

Elder J. T. Fox on 8th chapter and 17th verse of Romans.

B. WATSON, Moderator.

J. T. MOORE, Clerk.

Report from Eastern District.

The Eastern District meets with the Church at Midway, Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1877. Elder J. M. Dalton to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder A. J. Walker, Alternate.

The next Association meets with the Church at Pleasant Grove, Chickasaw county, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1877.

G. W. BERRYHILL, Sec.

By request, the following Churches, New Liberty, Pleasant Ridge, Hopewell, and Mount Moriah, were dismissed by letter, and Bro. J. S. Ryan requested to furnish said letters.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$15 for his services.

*Resolved*, That the Clerks of the several Churches composing this Association be requested to state in their annual letters, the amounts paid their respective pastors for their services.

Business being through, the Association adjourned, to meet with Pleasant Grove Church, Chickasaw county, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1877.

Prayer was offered, and while singing a hymn the brethren gave each other the parting hand.

J. T. FOX, Moderator.

J. P. THOMPSON, Clerk.

# Ordained Ministers of the Zion Association.

Allen, M. C.	Slate Springs,	Miss.
Baker, N.	Cumberland,	"
Carson, W.	Montavista,	"
Carson, J. F.	Montavista,	"
Cole, S. M.	Atlanta,	"
Dalton, J. M.	Line Creek,	"
Fox, J. T.	Slate Springs,	"
Hardin, E. J.	Pittsboro,	"
Hicks, W. T.	Greensboro,	"
Hicks, A. B.	Bellefontaine,	"
Johnson, E. F. H.	Greensboro.	"
Middleton, W. S.	Cumberland,	"
Price, A.	Cumberland,	"
Paxton, J. S.	Cumberland,	"
Thompson, J. P.	Lodi,	"
Watson B.	Bellefontaine,	"
Walker, A. J.	Bellefontaine,	"
Wilson, T. H.	Slate Spring,	"
Woffard, J. P.	Cumberland,	"

## LICENTIATES.

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Spring Creek	Calhoun	Calhoun	Cumberland	A. J. Walker	3	3	1	10	4	58	1 70
Spring Hill	Calhoun	Calhoun	Hopewell	A. H. Wilson	2	2	14	2	4	64	1 00
Spring Valley	Sumner	Calhoun	Spring Valley	Price	1	1	2	2	4	154	3 00
Union	Sumner	Calhoun	Greenboro	A. T. Hicks	1	1	2	2	4	40	1 50
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### ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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SATURDAY, September 1, 1877.

THE ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in her forty-second annual session, with the Church of Christ, at Pleasant Grove, Chickasaw county, Miss., September 1, 1877.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Eld. A. B. Hicks, from 2d Cor., 4:5.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer being offered by him, the Association was declared ready for business.

Letters from the Churches were presented and read by Brethren A. B. Hicks, T. N. Ross and L. Hall.

W. M. Curry, from Spring Valley, and Bro. Lee, from Pleasant Grove, Grenada county, were received as delegates, without letters.

The following is the

#### List of Delegates.

*Antioch*—F. S. Vaughn, L. Hall.

*Bethel*—D. D. McPhail, S. Denton.

*Bethany*—T. H. Wilson, M. C. Allen, J. T. Fox.

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*Bluff Springs*—B. Watson, Henry Hill.  
*County Line*—W. M. High, W. L. McGuire.  
*Concord*—J. R. Shaw, R. G. Haney.  
*Cross Roads*—J. P. Woffard, T. N. Ross, W. R. Pepper.  
*Double Springs*—L. J. Taylor, S. G. Taylor, H. H. Kimbrell.

*Fellowship*—A. B. Hicks, A. Moore.  
*Greensboro*—Aaron Ayers, E. F. H. Johnson.  
*Hebron*—W. T. Ross, J. McQuary, J. W. Skelton.  
*Mt. Pleasant*—S. G. Hunter, N. S. Worfor, P. M. Woods.  
*Mt. Tabor*—N. Baker, J. I. Ballenger.  
*Mt. Vernon*—E. G. Sheppard.  
*Midway*—M. K. Gilder, G. W. Howard.  
*Montpelier*—Wm. Thompson, J. M. Padden.  
*Mulberry*—S. L. Wray, J. H. Freeman.  
*Philadelphia*— — King.  
*Pleasant Grove, (Chickasaw)*—A. Price, S. M. Cole, N. B. Crawford.

*Pleasant Grove, (Montgomery)*—J. J. Lee, J. P. Thompson.  
*Pleasant Grove, (Grenada)*— — Lee.  
*Pleasant Hill*—H. S. Moore.  
*Providence*—A. Woodard, J. A. Cox, G. C. McCool.  
*Shiloh, (Montgomery)*—D. M. Wray, A. M. Pyron, S. A. Pittman.

*Spring Creek*—R. C. Ramsey, J. M. Ernest, G. J. Gamel.  
*Spring Hill*—S. T. Sturdevant, G. D. Burson, Eli Hardin.  
*Spring Valley*—W. M. Curry.  
*Wake Forest*—W. A. Martin.

On motion, the Association proceeded to elect Moderator  
 Clerk and Treasurer by acclamation—

J. T. FOX.....	Moderator.
J. P. THOMPSON.....	Clerk.
T. N. ROSS.....	Treasurer.

Messengers from sister Associations being called for, Bro  
 J. S. Ryan was received from the Calhoun Association.

Committees.

The following committees were appointed:

*On Preaching*—D. M. Wray, W. M. Curry, A. Moore,  
with the Deacons of Pleasant Grove Church.

*On Arrangements*—J. P. Thompson, A. B. Hicks, T. H.  
Wilson.

*On Foreign Missions*—T. H. Wilson, W. M. Curry.

*On Domestic Missions*—T. N. Ross, N. Baker.

*On Sabbath Schools*—A. B. Hicks, B. Watson.

*On Ministerial Education*—J. A. Cox, A. Woodard.

*On Periodicals*—T. N. Ross, J. J. Lee.

*On Finance*—S. L. Wray, G. W. Naron, N. B. Crawford.

*On Nominations*—W. M. Curry, M. C. Allen.

*On Digest of Church Letters*—J. A. Cox, T. H. Wilson, B.  
Watson.

Returned Correspondence.

*Columbus Association*—J. A. Cox, Wm. Middleton, T.  
Middleton.

*Louisville*—E. F. H. Johnson, A. Ayer, W. M. Curry.

*Calhoun*—N. Baker, M. C. Allen, A. Woodard.

*Yalobusha*—D. C. Lee, F. Martin, Wm. Martin.

*Yazoo*—W. A. Hurt, A. Burns, J. P. Thompson.

*Kosciusko*—T. Lusk, W. D. Seigler, J. F. Johnson.

*Aberdeen*—J. M. Dalton, J. A. Cox, A. Woodard, G. W.  
Howard.

*State Convention*—A. B. Hicks, B. Watson, J. P. Thompson.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to correspond with Bro.  
Dalton, in regard to a file of last minutes.

On motion, Bro. O. Jennings was employed to transcribe  
the said file of minutes in the Minute Book; the Association  
promising to remunerate him for said work.

On motion, Eld. J. T. Fox was appointed to prepare a cir-  
cular letter for the next meeting of this Association.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by  
J. P. Thompson.



## SECOND DAY—MONDAY.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1877.

Prayer by Eld. A. B. Hicks.

Eld. R. W. Thompson was received as a Messenger from the Aberdeen Association.

The following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, This body being in possession of current reports to the effect that the Double Springs Church refuses to deal with Eld. John Carson, one of her members, for unchristian conduct; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That a committee of the following brethren, G. W. Howard, T. N. Ross, N. B. Crawford, A. Moore, and S. H. Scott, Sr., be appointed to investigate, in connection with the Church, the conduct of Bro. Carson. If the Church refuse to investigate, the committee shall investigate independent of the Church; and if said Carson is guilty of the charges, to request the Church to call in his credentials; if the Church refuse, publish him in a religious newspaper.

A committee of three was appointed to visit the several Churches and investigate why brethren hold authority to preach whom the members will not hear; and it is the sense of this body that the members should give the ministers their christian support, or their credentials should be called in. If such Churches remain unfaithful they shall be dealt with by this body.

*Committee to Visit Greensboro Church*—R. D. Oglesby, D. M. Wray, Albert young.

*Mt. Tabor*—G. W. Berryhill, W. L. Stovall, James Curry.

*Spring Creek*—W. M. Curry, A. Skelton, L. Hall.

*Double Springs*—S. Denton, D. Skelton, Wm. High.

On motion, Bro. King was permitted to represent his Church (Philadelphia) in the Association.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read, amended and adopted, viz:

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would report that we recommend and encourage the immediate organization of a Sabbath School in each Church in the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. B. HICKS, Chairman.

Report on Digest of Letters.

Your Committee on Digest of Church Letters beg leave to report:

*County Line*—Our church is small, and is in rather a cold condition.

*Shiloh*—We are in a very good condition.

*Pleasant Hill*—We are at peace with each other, but lament our cold state and the general dearth in religion.

*Spring Hill*—We are at peace with each other, but in rather a luke-warm condition. We ask an interest in your prayers, that we may be more zealous in our Master's cause.

*Cross Roads*—We are about closing a protracted meeting and we feel that we have had the presence of the Lord with us, and, although our accessions to the Church, by experience, have been small, we believe there is seed sown that will yet spring up and bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God.

*Montpelier*—We are in a cold state and desire to be remembered by you at a throne of God's free and abounding grace, that we may be revived, and that the cause of the Master may prosper in our hands.

*Providence*—We regret that we are in a luke-warm condition. We are at peace with one another, and earnestly desire your prayers.

*Mt. Tabor*—We are at peace among ourselves, but do not enjoy that life in religion which we would desire. Pray for us.

*Pleasant Grove, (Chickasaw)*—We are in a cold and languishing condition, but at peace with each other. Pray for us, that the Lord may revive us in this vicinity.

*Double Springs*—Our Church is in a cold state. We have no regular supply; we have preaching by visiting brethren. Pray for the Church here.

*Mt. Pleasant*—Our Church is in a languishing condition. We have not had a Pastor this year, although we are at peace among ourselves. Remember us in your prayers.

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*Midway*—We held a protracted meeting, beginning the first Saturday in August, and received seven by baptism. It was a quiet meeting, but we believe the Church was enlisted and the sinner appeared to yield through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and we hope that much good was accomplished.

*Concord*—The christian feeling of our Church is, we believe, tolerably good.

The letters from the remainder of the churches contain no allusion to their spiritual condition, outside of their statistical tables.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. COX, Chairman.

**Report on Periodicals.**

Your Committee on Periodicals would recommend to the brethren the importance of procuring and reading some sound religious paper; and such we believe is the "Mississippi Baptist Record," published at Clinton, Miss., by Bro. M. T. Martin, and edited by Bro. J. B. Gambrell. It is a religious and family newspaper, published weekly, under the patronage of the Baptist Conventions of Mississippi and Louisiana, and devoted to the interest of the Baptist cause, especially in those States. We believe it to be sound in doctrine; it gives no uncertain sound on any of the questions which now agitate the denomination; it does not aim to be "liberal," but to be faithful to the truth as held and practiced by Baptist Churches of the stricter sort, and while it aims to be sound in doctrine, it will also be christian in spirit, kind to all, even to those of a contrary way of thinking. Take the "Record," and help the cause of Christ, yourselves and your families. We also recommend the "Home and Foreign Journal," and "Kind Words" for the Sabbath Schools and the New Baptist Psalmist as a hymn book.

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. ROSS, Chairman.

**Report of the Eastern District Meeting.**

The Eastern District meets with the Church at Cross Roads, Sumner county, on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1878.

To preach the Introductory Sermon—Eld. J. M. Dalton;  
Eld. A. J. Walker, alternate.



ESSAYS.

Eld. A. B. Hicks, on 17th chapter. and 3d verse of John.  
 Eld. J. M. Dalton, on 12th chapter and 5th verse of Rev.  
 Eld. S. M. Cole, on 5th chapter and 5th verse of 1st Cor.  
 T. M. Ross, on 26th chapter and 29th verse of Matt.  
 James A. Hunter, on 12th chapter and 2d verse of Rom.

QUERY.

Was the death of Christ a full atonement for sin, or merely a satisfaction of the law for sin; if the latter, in what does the atonement consist?

DELEGATES TO THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

Elds. J. M. Dalton, A. B. Hicks, A. Price, T. H. Middleton, G. H. Duke, Bros. G. W. Norman, W. M. Curry, A. Moore and H. H. Kimbrell.

ELD. T. H. MIDDLETON, Moderator.

T. N. Ross, Clerk.

Report of Finance Committee.

For Minutes.....	\$47 55
“ Foreign Missions.....	25 20
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Providence paid Bro. Martin for Home Missions, .....	5 00
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Total,.....	\$105 90

A. B. CRAWFORD, Chm'n.

Report on Nominations.

Elder J. M. Dalton, to preach the Introductory Sermon, at the next meeting of this Association; S. M. Cole, alternate.

J. P. Thompson to represent our Associational interest at Mississippi College.

W. M. CURRY, Chm'n.

NOTE—No official report from the Western District.

It meets with the Church at Greensboro, on Friday before the Fourth Sabbath in July. Eld. T. H. Wilson, to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. J. T. Fox, alternate.

The next Association to meet with the Church at Mulberry, in the town of Lodi, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. J. A. Cox, and was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, This Association, by its action, has necessitated an additional outlay of money at its next meeting; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Churches composing this Association be requested to increase their contributions for Associational purposes in order that these items of expense may be met with promptness.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

The Association being through with business, a Hymn was sung and the parting hand extended.

J. T. FOX, Moderator.

J. P. THOMPSON, Clerk.

NOTE—It will be seen that several Committees failed to make their reports.

CLERK.



STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	Days of Meeting	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	For Minutes
Antioch.....	Clay.....	Pine Bluff.....	R. W. Thompson.....	2.....	6.....	2.....	2.....	2.....	2.....	2.....	74.....	\$1 75
Bethel.....	Calhoun.....	Slate Springs.....	J. T. Fox.....	2.....	5.....	2.....	4.....	4.....	4.....	4.....	167.....	2 85
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Bluff Springs.....	".....	Bellefontaine.....	B. Watson.....	1.....	4.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	76.....	2 00
County Line.....	".....	Line Creek.....	A. J. Walker.....	2.....	5.....	16.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	930.....	1 00
Concord.....	".....	Cadaretta.....	B. Watson.....	2.....	5.....	16.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	43.....	1 30
Cross Roads.....	".....	Cumberland.....	T. H. Wilson.....	2.....	5.....	16.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	89.....	2 60
Double Springs.....	".....	Hohenlinden.....	A. B. Hicks.....	2.....	5.....	16.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	93.....	1 75
Fellowship.....	".....	Bellefontaine.....	A. B. Hicks.....	2.....	5.....	16.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	67.....	1 20
Greensboro.....	".....	Greensboro.....	J. P. Thompson.....	4.....	3.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	80.....	1 00
Harmony.....	Montgomery.....	Cadaretta.....	A. J. Walker.....	2.....	4.....	1.....	3.....	2.....	1.....	1.....	69.....	2 00
Hebron.....	Sumner.....	Walshall.....	R. W. Thompson.....	2.....	4.....	1.....	3.....	4.....	1.....	1.....	64.....	2 50
Midway.....	Calhoun.....	Atlanta.....	J. P. Thompson.....	1.....	8.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	1.....	1.....	127.....	3 00
Mulberry.....	Montgomery.....	Lodi.....	B. Watson.....	2.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	9.....	1.....	1.....	28.....	1 40
Mt. Pleasant.....	Sumner.....	Cumberland.....	A. J. Walker.....	2.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	47.....	1 25
Mt. Tabor.....	".....	Walshall.....	B. Watson.....	3.....	1.....	2.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	55.....	30
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Montpelier.....	Calhoun.....	Montpelier.....	W. L. Gideon.....	2.....	3.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	91.....	2 00
Philadelphia.....	Sumner.....	Cadaretta.....	T. H. Wilson.....	3.....	1.....	1.....	3.....	5.....	4.....	1.....	42.....	2 00
Providence.....	Calhoun.....	Benela.....	S. M. Cole.....	3.....	4.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	51.....	1 50
Pleasant Grove.....	Montgomery.....	Winona.....	R. A. Choran.....	3.....	3.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	185.....	3 25
Pleasant Grove.....	Chickasaw.....	Atlanta.....	J. T. Fox.....	3.....	3.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	23.....	2 00
Pleasant Hill.....	Calhoun.....	Slate Springs.....	M. C. Allen.....	4.....	2.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	61.....	2 00
Shiloh.....	Montgomery.....	Lodi.....	M. C. Allen.....	3.....	2.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	56.....	1 20
Spring Creek.....	Sumner.....	Cumberland.....	A. B. Hicks.....	3.....	3.....	4.....	6.....	2.....	3.....	1.....	153.....	2 15
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